Bifurcation of MPEDA

2316. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will bifurcate the MPEDA to better help and organize marine and inland fishers desperately;

(b) if so, the schedule for such a bifurcation;

(c) what financial assistance will be given by Government to revive and reform defunct shrimp farms; and

(d) the steps proposed to create a fund to assist all shrimp farmers who had undergone huge losses in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer above, does not arise.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to revive defunct shrimp farms by extending financial assistance at the rate of 25% of the capital expenditure subject to the maximum of Rs.25,000/- per hectare water spread area and Rs.1.25 lakh per beneficiary. Shrimp farmers in all coastal Indian States including Andhra Pradesh will be benefited.

Relocation of industries

2317. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to relocate industries from urban areas to industrially backward regions with a view to free urban space by providing incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of industries that are proposed to be shifted and the kind of incentives proposed to be offered for relocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Government issues Industrial Licence for setting up of industries taking into account the existing locational policy, which is in tune with the liberalised licensing policy. Under this Policy, entrepreneurs are free to select the location for setting up industry. However, approval is required from the Government for locations falling within 25 kms of the periphery of cities having a population of more than one million as per the 1991 census and the locations is not within an industrial area so designated by the State Governments prior to 24.7.1991. Locational restriction is not applicable for electronics, computer software and printing industries and other non - polluting industries which may be notified from time to time. Zoning and land use regulations as well as environmental legislations continue to regulate industrial locations. Recommendation of the State Government is required for grant of Industrial Licence